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Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson on the basis of informal consultations

Comments on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/34 of 25 July 1996, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to formulate a new system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women to cover the period 2002-2005, to submit the new draft plan to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 in order to provide guidance for the medium-term plans of the individual organizations of the United Nations system and to submit the draft plan to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session, **for comments**,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/16 of 28 July 1999, in which the Council invited the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to formulate the plan for 2002-2005 in two phases — a first phase consisting of an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system and of obstacles encountered and lessons learned from the present plan and the system-wide process of its implementation, and the second phase consisting of a new plan that reflects the growing emphasis on action and delivery,

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Recognizing the role of the Economic and Social Council in overseeing the system-wide coordination in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action[1] **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**,[2]

Recalling that Governments have the primary responsibility for implementing the Beijing Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**,

Recalling that the **Beijing** Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly** need to be implemented through the work of all of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system as an integral part of system-wide programming,

Recognizing that the **Beijing** Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly** call upon the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen their support for actions at the national level and to enhance their contributions to coordinated follow-up by the United Nations and upon each organization to set out the specific actions that it will undertake, including goals and targets to realign priorities and redirect resources to meet the global priorities identified in the **Beijing** Platform for Action and **the outcome document of the special session of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**, with a clear delineation of responsibility and accountability, all of which should be reflected in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women **2002-2005**, and stressing in this connection the need for appropriate mechanisms for coordination and cooperation,

Aware that the **Beijing** Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly** stress that the responsibility for ensuring their implementation and the integration of a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system must rest at the highest levels,

1. ***Takes note*** **of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women 2002-2005**;[3]

2. *Stresses* that the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women 2002-2005 should be an effective instrument for promoting the coordinated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**;

3. *Recommends* the adoption of the revised draft plan by the Economic and Social Council, taking into account the present resolution and comments of the Commission on the Status of Women as well as those of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

4. *Stresses* the importance of gender mainstreaming, including institutional follow-up and capacity-building;

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] General Assembly resolutions S-23/2, annex, and S-23/3, annex.

[3] E/CN.6/2001/4.

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of a coherent approach to the actions planned to address the strategic objectives spelt out under each critical area of concern, **as well as of incorporating a gender perspective into policies and programmes of entities of the United Nations system**;

6. *Recommends* that the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women **2002-2005** serve as a monitoring and coordination tool at all levels for system-wide progress in implementing actions under each critical area of concern in the **Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**;

7. *Stresses* the importance of involving all parts of the United Nations in the implementation of the **Beijing** Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**;

8. *Invites* the United Nations bodies that meet under the auspices of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to discuss regularly progress made in implementing activities under each area of critical concern, **taking into account the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women for 2002-2005** and of the Economic and Social Council, and to provide up-to-date information in those areas to the Council through the Commission, taking into consideration the comments made on the plan by the Commission and other relevant bodies;

9. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on the Status of Women, follow up the implementation of the plan and undertake a comprehensive mid-term review of the implementation of the plan **in 2004** as a basis for future programming and coordination of activities for the advancement and empowerment of women by the United Nations system, including a review of the progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective in all activities of the United Nations system;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration the revised draft plan, the comments of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, along with the comments of the Commission;

11. *Recommends* that the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the **Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality** use the revised plan and the respective comments on it as a basis for monitoring increasing collaboration and cost-effective approaches to United Nations system activities for the advancement and empowerment of women, including assessment of methods for mainstreaming a gender perspective in all United Nations activities, ensuring accountability and carrying out impact analyses of gender-sensitive programmes and policies;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in all United Nations activities system-wide, including in decision-making, as part of the accountability of senior managers;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the implementation of the **Beijing** Platform for Action **and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**, to integrate a gender perspective in budgetary

decisions on policies and programmes and to assure adequate financing of specific programmes for securing equality between women and men;

14. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council request formulation of a new system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women to cover the period 2006-2010, that the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, submit the new draft plan to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 in order to provide guidance to the medium-term plans of the individual organizations of the United Nations system and that the proposal draft be submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-ninth session, for comments.